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1. THE MALAYSIAN TRADES UNION CONGRESS (MTUC) GENERAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCED AUG 22 THAT IT HAD UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE REQUEST OF S.J.H. ZAIDI TO RETIRE AS MTUC SECRETARY GENERAL. ZAIDI, WHO HAS BEEN MTUC SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 13 YEARS, SAID THAT HE WAS RETIRING BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH. IN ANNOUNCING ZAIDI'S RETIREMENT YAHAYA MOHAMED ALI, FORMER DEPUTY AND NEW ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL SAID: "THE COUNCIL, NOTWITHSTANDING THE INCIDENTS AND CONTROVERSIES OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS, PLACED ON RECORD THE VALUABLE SERVICES HE HAD RENDERED TO THE MTUC." THE "INCIDENTS AND CONTROVERSIES" INVOLVED A SERIES OF STATEMENTS INDICATING UNHAPPINESS ON THE PART OF A NUMBER OF LABOR OFFICIALS WITH A SPEECH GIVEN BY ZAIDI ON AUG 1 AT A MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION. (A COPY OF THE SPEECH WAS ENCLOSED WITH REF B.) THE SPEECH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY CUEPACS SECRETARY GENERAL JAMALUDDIN MOHAMED ISA AS "DETRIMENTAL TO THE CAUSE OF WORKERS IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLIC SECTOR AND TO WORKERS IN GENERAL," PRESUMABLY BECAUSE

IT CALLED ON WORKERS TO BE "CALM, COOL AND PATIENT", AT A TIME WHEN CUEPACS WAS THREATENING STRIKE ACTION OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IBRAHIM ALI REPORT (REF A).

2. FYI. JAMALUDDIN, THE SECRETARY OF THE UNION OF MALAY FORESTRY OFFICIALS, IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE MTUC ALTHOUGH HE IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF CUEPACS. IN THE '60'S JAMALUDDIN WAS INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO SET UP AN ALL-MALAY, UMNO AFFILIATED FEDERATION IN COMPETATION WITH THE INDIAN-DOMINATED MTUC AND HAS BEEN A RIVAL OF ZAIDI SINCE THAT TIME. END FYI.

3. COMMENT. ZAIDI'S RESIGNATION WAS NOT ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED BECAUSE MANY LEADERS OF MTUC AFFILIATES HAVE LONG BEEN ANNOYED AT THE PROPRIETARY WAY HE RAN THE SECRETARIAT. HOWEVER, YAHAYA'S UNGRACIOUS REMARKS ARE INDICATIVE OF THE PASSIONS WITHIN THE MALAYSIAN LABOR MOVEMENT PROMPTED BY ZAIDI'S FAILURE TO HEED CUEPACS CALL FOR A MORE MILITANT STAND IN THE FACE OF THE GOM'S FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE IBRAHIM ALI REPORT. THIS IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT, CONTRARY TO THE EMBASSY'S EARLIER EXPECTATION, CUEPAC'S THREAT TO STRIKE IS INCREASINGLY A SERIOUS ONE.

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